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Annual Bald Eagle Watch

Clinton, IA • Fulton, IL

EAGLE WATCH PRESENTED BY:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clinton Community College U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Several state, federal, and local agencies

THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE



The American Bald Eagle visits the Upper Mississippi River and National Wildlife & Fish Refuge lands each year from late fall through early spring.

As many as 2500 bald eagles winter along the Upper Mississippi River from St. Paul, MN to St. Louis, MO.

The River Cities Area of Clinton, Iowa, and Fulton, Illinois, are located on the Mississippi River near one of its widest points. This area is a popular wintering area for bald eagles because of the abundant food, open water and tall trees that are available there. Lock and Dam 13, located five miles north of Fulton, IL, keeps the river from freezing and provides the eagles with an area to hunt their primary food source – fish.

The best time to watch eagles is in the early morning. This is their prime feeding time when they can be seen soaring or diving for fish.

Bald eagles roost together in large, mature trees surrounded by a buffer of small trees. These roosts are chosen by the eagles to provide protection from the weather and avoid disturbances from outsiders. These perches are found close to the eagle's source of food and are usually within 60 yards of the water's edge. On mild days, eagles may be seen standing on the ice or soaring overhead.

ANNUAL BALD EAGLE WATCH

You are invited to participate in the 23rd Annual Bald Eagle Watch. Our program is dedicated to the understanding, appreciation, and protection of our national symbol. Naturalists and volunteers will be on hand to share their enthusiasm and knowledge of these and other grand birds of prey. Programs will feature lectures, videos, songs, stories, and live birds of prey. The Exhibit Hall at Clinton Community College will feature wildlife exhibits, children's activities and door prizes, food and drinks.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, January 6, 2007 **Eagle Watching at Lock #13, Fulton, IL** 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Exhibits

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Clinton Community College 1000 Lincoln Blvd., Clinton, IA

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

9:45 a.m. "On the Wings of the Wind" Video Jim Kelley, Thomson Park Ranger

10:15 a.m. Fur Bearers of Iowa Chuck Jacobsen, Naturalist, Clinton Co. Conservation Board

11:15 a.m. Birds of Prey, Paul Woodin, Naturalist, Rockford Park District

12:45 p.m. Eagles of the "Upper Miss"
Pam Steinhaus, FWS Refuge Ranger

1:45 p.m. Call of the Wild, Hoo Haven

Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center

Between Music/Songs, Chuck Jacobsen,

Programs Naturalist, Clinton Co. Conservation Board

The Rockford Park District, Clinton County Conservation Board, USF & W, US Army Corps of Engineers, and Clinton Community College offer many environmental education and conservation programs to the public.

PUBLIC VIEWING



Public viewing of bald eagles in their natural environment will take place at Lock and Dam #13 from 8 a.m.—4 p.m. Lock and Dam #13 is located five miles north of Fulton, IL, off Highway 84.

Naturalists and volunteers will be on hand with spotting scopes available to aid in viewing the bald eagles. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, spotting scopes and cameras. Participants are encouraged to wear warm clothing to the viewing sites.

Due to limited parking and additional security, participants are encouraged to use the free courtesy Bus Service, sponsored by local businesses and provided by the Municipal Transit Administration of the City of Clinton. The bus will travel between the viewing site and the college, departing and arriving every half hour beginning at 8:30 a.m. Pick up a bus schedule at the college.

NOTE: Winter is a stressful time for bald eagles. It is important that resting eagles not be frightened to the point that they fly off and burn up badly needed energy.



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